

**CHAPTER NO. 178**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1862**

**By Cooper**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1742**

**By Fitzhugh**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor vehicle registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105, is amended in subsection (a) by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) The office of county clerk may make inquiry into an owner including, but not limited to, review of driver records for the purpose of establishing an owner's residence or address, before issuing a renewal of registration or a tab, sticker or other device as a prerequisite to payment of wheel or road taxes. Upon request of the office of the county clerk, the department shall provide a current list of the names, drivers' license numbers and addresses of drivers from the requesting county.


SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105(e)(3)(A), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(A) If a county wheel tax or like local fee is due and owing to such local government for the use of the vehicle, the owner or operator shall, upon conviction, be punished in accordance with a Class B misdemeanor and subject to the fine only.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 8, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR